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FROM: Jidda

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 376, December 9, 2 p.m.

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Supplementing Embassy despatch 167, February 16 Embassy offers following comments which have been coordinated with USIS, and being coordinated with CHUSMIM whose comments if any will be forwarded soonest.

Page 2 paragraph 5: Suggest adding following information to penultimate sentence: "or when the US national press or VOA give such cooperation undue publicity." US press services interpretation of events have tended forestall Saudi cooperation; e.g., UPI report over year ago that SAG had of course agreed to USAF overflight from Bahrain to Jordan to relieve gasoline shortage of latter.

Page 2 paragraph 6: As means avoiding undesirable closer bilateral relations yet allowing King and Crown Prince play maximum role Arab affairs, SAG gives strong support to Arab League.

Page 3 paragraph 7: Although SAG considers all Jews as Zionists until proven otherwise, it does not discriminate against Americans of Jewish faith as such but as supporters of Zionist movement.

Page 4 paragraph 10: Suggest qualifying third sentence by adding "although reasonable commitment of SAG funds to sound economic development surveys and projects should be cautiously encouraged".

Page 4 paragraph 11: First sentence should be changed to indicate that King Saud shows evidence of determination to resume primary role in conduct of state affairs.

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inserted 5c
Page 5 paragraph 14A: Construction Dhahran terminal began summer 1959.

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Page 5 paragraph 14B: Engineering work on project began summer 1959. Prime contractor is American firm selected by SAG with concurrence ICA.

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Pages 5-6 paragraph 15C: This objective could be furthered if USMTM included more personnel who either speak Arabic fluently on arrival or are Americans of Arab origin (PAO recalls for example that Colonel Philip John, Retired, who was Deputy Commander at Wheelus, was of Lebanese origin and very popular with Libyans).

inserted 14c
Page 6 paragraph 16: Consideration should be given to increasing operating budget for USIS-Saudi Arabia, adding a Cultural Affairs officer, and opening a sub-post in Dhahran.

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Page 8 paragraph 20D: Second moratorium agreed to in March 1959 expires in February 1960.

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Page 11 paragraph 42: Suggest changing "establishment" to "expansion" since commercial library already established.

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